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- 1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN RAISING ALMOST DAILY QUESTION OF GOJ RESPONSE TO OUR SUGGESTIONS (REF A) FOR FIRST MEETING OF ECONOMIC PROJECTION STUDY GROUP. THE OFFICIAL JAPANESE POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE WE SENT REF B, BUT WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT JAPANESE REPS WILL MEET WITH OURS IN PARIS AND THAT FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE GIVEN SOON. BEST TIME FOR JAPANESE WOULD BE NOVEMBER 16 AND, IF MORE TIME NEEDED, NOVEMBER 17. IF THOSE DAYS ARE SATISFACTORY PLEASE INFORM SO THAT WE CAN CONFIRM WITH GOJ.
- 2. APPARENT RESERVED ATTITUDE OF GOJ IS NOT A SIGN OF FOOT DRAGGING. DIR. GEN. MIYASAKI WHO MUST APPROVE WAS IN PARIS UNTIL LAST MONDAY AND JAPANESE AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH FORECASTING STUDY GROUP HAVE BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH WORK ON "EMERGENCY MEASURES."

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3. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS BEEN GETTING REPORTING FROM JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON INDICATING THAT U.S. SIDE WANTS TO DISCUSS POLICY ISSUES AS WELL AS ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS FOR JAPAN AND U.S. THIS IS TROUBLESOME TO JAPANESE WHO WANT POLICY DISCUSSIONS ONLY AT SUBCABINET LEVEL. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INFORMED US THAT EXPERT LEVEL DELEGATION TO

STUDY GROUP MEETING WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS POLICY.

5. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH GOJ AND REPORT. MANSFIELD

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